

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Tuesday, March 14, 2006
Thirty-first Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Balfour of the 9th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

Senator Rogers of the 21st asked unanimous consent that Senator Mullis of the 53rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Mullis was excused.

Senator Seay of the 34th asked unanimous consent that Senator Reed of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Reed was excused.

Senator Grant of the 25th moved that the Senate reconsider its action in passing the following bill.

SB 602. By Senators Smith of the 52nd, Mullis of the 53rd, Kemp of the 46th, Stephens of the 27th and Hamrick of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers and duties of the Department of Human Resources with respect to mental health, so as to require the privatization of one or more state facilities for the treatment of mental illness; to provide for contracts; to provide for requirements for the operation of the treatment facility or facilities; to provide for the continued employment for current employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	N Hill,Jack	N Smith
N Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Y Starr
Y Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	N Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	N Johnson	Y Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tarver
Y Carter	N Kemp	Y Tate
N Chance	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thomas,R
Y Douglas	N Moody	Y Thompson,C

Y Fort	E Mullis	Y Thompson,S
N Goggans	Y Pearson	Y Tolleson
Y Golden	Y Powell	N Unterman
Y Grant	E Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	N Rogers	N Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	N Wiles
N Harp	N Seabaugh	N Williams
N Heath	Y Seay	Y Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the motion, the yeas were 37, nays 17; the motion prevailed, and SB 602 was reconsidered and placed at the foot of today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Thomas of the 54th moved that the Senate reconsider its action in passing the following bill.

SB 422. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Harp of the 29th, Butler of the 55th, Balfour of the 9th and Shafer of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to chiropractors, so as to provide definitions; to provide for the scope of practice; to increase the penalty for improper practice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	N Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Y Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	N Starr
N Brown	N Hooks	Y Staton
N Bulloch	N Hudgens	N Stephens
N Butler	Y Johnson	Y Stoner
N Cagle	N Jones	Y Tarver
Y Carter	N Kemp	N Tate
N Chance	N Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Chapman	N Miles	N Thomas,R
Y Douglas	Y Moody	N Thompson,C
N Fort	E Mullis	N Thompson,S
N Goggans	Y Pearson	Y Tolleson
Y Golden	Y Powell	N Unterman
N Grant	E Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	N Rogers	N Whitehead

N Harbison
N Harp
Y Heath
N Henson

Y Schaefer
Y Seabaugh
N Seay
N Shafer,D

Y Wiles
N Williams
N Zamarripa

On the motion, the yeas were 23, nays 31; the motion lost, and SB 422 was not reconsidered.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Rivers, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the House:

HB 304. By Representatives Burmeister of the 119th, Yates of the 73rd, Shaw of the 176th, Cummings of the 16th and Rice of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning specific, business, and occupation taxes, so as to change the provisions relating to the imposition and determination of the amount of certain regulatory fees by local governments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 338. By Representatives Warren of the 122nd, Jenkins of the 8th, Burns of the 157th, Williams of the 165th, Mosley of the 178th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-3-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to legal weapons for hunting wildlife generally, so as to change certain provisions relating to primitive weapons; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 429. By Representatives Smith of the 168th, Rogers of the 26th, Manning of the 32nd, Coleman of the 144th and Graves of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the

setoff of debt collection, so as to authorize a setoff of certain debts owed to public housing authorities; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 731. By Representatives Borders of the 175th and Black of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to membership in the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to provide that any person who was serving as a juvenile court judge on July 1, 2006, and who was not a member of any state or local retirement system or pension fund may become a member of the Georgia Judicial Retirement System; to provide that any such person may obtain up to five years of creditable service upon payment of the employer's and employee's contribution with interest; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 907. By Representative Reece of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to enact the "Wholesale Licensure and Prescription Medication Integrity Act"; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for license requirements and procedures for wholesale distributors of prescription drugs; to provide for restrictions on transactions involving prescription drugs; to provide for pedigrees for prescription drugs; to provide for enforcement; to provide for prohibited acts; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 910. By Representatives Rogers of the 26th and Graves of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to change certain definitions; to delete certain duties of the Secretary of State with regard to cemeteries and funeral services; to amend provisions relating to the sale of preneed burial services; to delete certain fees; to make numerous other changes to the laws relating to cemeteries and funeral services; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 953. By Representatives Chambers of the 81st, Geisinger of the 48th, Day of the 163rd and Bearden of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-9-81 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the Georgia State Indemnification Fund, so as to change the definition of law enforcement officer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 1044. By Representatives Cheokas of the 134th, Barnard of the 166th, Lane of the 158th, Lunsford of the 110th, Forster of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to provide that part-time municipal and city court judges shall be treated as full-time judges for purposes of being exempt from certain state weapons requirements so that part-time judges shall be exempt in the same manner as full-time judges; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 1121. By Representatives Smith of the 131st, Smith of the 129th, Yates of the 73rd, Warren of the 122nd, Smith of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to provide for an exemption with respect to sales of certain tangible personal property used in direct connection with the construction or improvement of the National Infantry Museum and Heritage Park at Fort Benning; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 1160. By Representatives Knight of the 126th, Tumlin of the 38th, Mosby of the 90th and O'Neal of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computation of taxable net income, so as to provide for additional adjustments with respect to certain Subchapter "S" corporations, partnerships, or limited liability companies; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for a definition; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 1195. By Representatives Willard of the 49th, Tumlin of the 38th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Geisinger of the 48th, Lindsey of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Georgia Civil Practice Act," so as to require complaints to be accompanied in filing with the civil case filing form; to require judgments to be accompanied in filing with the civil case disposition form; to change certain provisions relating to commencement of actions; to change certain provisions relating to entry of judgment; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 1216. By Representatives Freeman of the 140th, Rice of the 51st, Porter of the 143rd, Talton of the 145th, Byrd of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to equipment of law enforcement and emergency vehicles, so as to allow the use of properly equipped all-terrain vehicles by law enforcement agencies; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 1227. By Representatives England of the 108th, Coleman of the 97th, McCall of the 30th, Roberts of the 154th, Black of the 174th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education accountability assessment programs, so as to create the Agricultural Education Oversight Commission; to provide for membership, filling of vacancies, terms, officers, duties, meetings, and reimbursement of members of the commission; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 1228. By Representatives England of the 108th, Coleman of the 97th, McCall of the 30th, Roberts of the 154th, Black of the 174th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education accountability assessment programs, so as to create the Career and Technical Education Oversight Commission; to provide for membership, filling of vacancies, terms, officers, duties, meetings, and reimbursement of members of the commission; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 1239. By Representatives Setzler of the 35th, Keen of the 179th, Thomas of the 55th, Maxwell of the 17th, May of the 111th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum for elementary and secondary students under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require annual instruction in certain grades in criminal law in Georgia as it relates to school-aged children; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for a minimum course of study established by the State Board of Education; to provide for a manual; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for time frames; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 1244. By Representatives Scott of the 2nd, Reece of the 27th, Chambers of the 81st, Williams of the 4th, Graves of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-9-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the levy of the motor fuel tax, so as to change certain provisions regarding exemptions of sales by duly licensed bulk distributors with respect to public mass transit bases; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 1249. By Representatives Reece of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Channell of the 116th, Rogers of the 26th, Mills of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and mobile homes, so as to provide that watercraft held in inventory for resale shall be exempt from taxation; to provide for definitions; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 1279. By Representatives Butler of the 18th, Smith of the 131st, Sheldon of the 105th, Smith of the 168th and Willard of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-18-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county officers and employees' participation in the state health benefit plan, so as to provide sheriffs, tax commissioners, clerks of superior court, and judges of the probate court

with the option of participating in the state health benefit plan for themselves and their dependents; to provide for the coverage of their dependents; to provide for the manner of exercising such option; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1294. By Representatives Smith of the 113th, Floyd of the 147th and Royal of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act amending Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public property, and amending Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the university system, approved May 29, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 313), so as to delay the repeal of a certain provision of said Act until June 30, 2008; to eliminate the June 30, 2006, repeal of a certain provision of said Act; to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to change certain provisions relating to nonlapsing revenue of institutions in the university system; to provide for certain nonlapsing revenue of institutions under the Department of Technical and Adult Education; to provide for automatic repeals of certain provisions; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1307. By Representatives Loudermilk of the 14th, Martin of the 47th, Lewis of the 15th, Byrd of the 20th, Everson of the 106th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-25-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Register, so as to change certain provisions regarding the method of publishing and the contents of the publication; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1323. By Representatives O'Neal of the 146th, Keen of the 179th, Royal of the 171st and Porter of the 143rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to local government, so as to provide for a comprehensive program for the creation of infrastructure development districts; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for the powers, duties, and authority of infrastructure development districts; to provide for a board to administer infrastructure development districts; to provide for appointment or election of members of an infrastructure development district board; to provide for levying taxes, fees, and assessments; to provide for the debt of infrastructure development districts; to provide for general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, notes, and other obligations of infrastructure

development districts; to provide for the form of bonds; to provide for consolidation, termination, or dissolution of infrastructure development districts; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1335. By Representatives Day of the 163rd, Crawford of the 127th, Amerson of the 9th, Horne of the 71st, Hanner of the 148th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-3-34.1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the circumstances when an exonerated first offender's criminal record may be disclosed, so as to permit state or local law enforcement units to review first offender record information when hiring a law enforcement officer; to amend Code Section 42-8-63.1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to first offender probation discharges that disqualify individuals from employment, so as to permit consideration of such a discharge when employing a law enforcement officer; to change certain provisions relating to the disqualification of individuals from employment based on first offender probation discharge information and the disclosure of exonerated first offender records; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1372. By Representative Harbin of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employees' insurance and benefit plans, so as to provide for mechanisms for termination of coverage for nonpayment of premium; to provide for notification to employers; to provide for the introduction and consideration of bills impacting the state health benefit plans; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1391. By Representative Burkhalter of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 41 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to residential and general contractors, so as to change certain provisions relating to creation of the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors, membership, divisions, vacancies, qualifications, terms, and meetings; to change certain provisions relating to appointment of members, chairperson, meetings and quorums, and assistance from professional licensing boards division; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1403. By Representative Martin of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the joint county and municipal sales and use tax, so as to change certain provisions regarding procedures for certifying additional qualified municipalities; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1423. By Representative Cox of the 102nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the terms of court for the superior courts, so as to change the terms of the superior court in Gwinnett County; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1424. By Representatives Smith of the 168th, Williams of the 165th, Hatfield of the 177th, Sims of the 169th, Roberts of the 154th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wildlife generally, so as to change certain provisions relating to hunting with dogs generally; to change certain provisions relating to killing of dogs running deer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1473. By Representatives Brown of the 69th, Channell of the 116th, Stephens of the 164th, Shaw of the 176th and Ehrhart of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require prior legislative approval for the submission of certain waivers pursuant to Section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1497. By Representatives Knight of the 126th, Chambers of the 81st, Burkhalter of the 50th and Benfield of the 85th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dogs, so as to provide for requirements for persons who own vicious dogs; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements for possessing a vicious dog; to provide for restrictions on permitting vicious dogs to be

outside of proper enclosures; to provide for confiscation of vicious dogs under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties; to provide that the article is supplementary to other laws; to provide for liability for damages; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1501. By Representatives Lindsey of the 54th and Wilkinson of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to change provisions relating to the maximum fines which may be imposed for violations of county ordinances and which may be imposed by municipal courts; to change provisions relating to the maximum fines which may be specified by municipalities exercising home rule powers; to specifically authorize counties and municipalities to adopt ordinances relating to alcoholic beverages specifying fines up to a certain maximum amount; to provide for such provisions to control over conflicting provisions of local laws; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1528. By Representative Jamieson of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Banks County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$16,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding \$10,000.00 and who are 65 years of age or over, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4130), so as to increase the amount of such exemption; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1542. By Representative Ralston of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 41 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to residential and general contractors, so as to extend the date by which the licensing requirements imposed by the chapter become effective; to extend the date by which persons must meet and apply to be licensed without examination; to change provisions relating to licensure involving a reciprocal agreement; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1557. By Representative Barnard of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to re-create and reincorporate the City of Collins, approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 3792), so as to repeal a provision relating to limitations on terms of service; to provide for other matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1558. By Representative Burns of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate and to grant a new charter to the City of Sylvania, approved March 1, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 2030), as amended, so as to change the corporate boundaries of such city; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1559. By Representatives Burns of the 157th and Carter of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Guyton; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers, duties, authority, election, terms, vacancies, compensation, expenses, qualifications, prohibitions, conflicts of interest, and suspension and removal from office relative to members of such governing authority; to provide for inquiries and investigations; to provide for oaths, organization, meetings, quorum, voting, rules, and procedures; to provide for ordinances and codes; to provide for a mayor and mayor pro tempore and certain duties, powers, and other matters relative thereto; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to repeal an Act incorporating the City of Guyton in the County of Effingham, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 3806); to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1560. By Representative Greene of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Miller County, approved March 2, 1935 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 538), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 18, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3921), so as to change the compensation of the judge and solicitor-general of said court; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1561. By Representative Greene of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the judge of the Probate Court of Randolph County shall have the authority to appoint a person other than the clerk of the superior court to serve as clerk of the Probate Court of Randolph County; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1562. By Representative Hanner of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a charter for the City of Richland, Georgia, approved August 8, 1922 (Ga. L. 1922, p. 925), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such city by annexing certain territory in Stewart County into such city; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1572. By Representatives Murphy of the 23rd, Knox of the 24th and Amerson of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a salary supplement for each judge of the Superior Court of the Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1573. By Representative Mills of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Flowery Branch, approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. Laws 1979, p. 3404), as amended, so as to establish the corporate limits of the City of Flowery Branch; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1574. By Representatives Murphy of the 23rd, Knox of the 24th and Amerson of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating and establishing a civil service system in Forsyth County for the employees of Forsyth County, approved March 13, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3576), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 4272), so as to exempt certain employees of the sheriff from the civil service system and from any rights, protections, privileges, or right of appeal under the civil service system; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 1575. By Representatives Mills of the 25th, Rogers of the 26th, Reece of the 27th and Benton of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the continuation of an alternative method of distribution of the net proceeds of the sales and use tax for educational purposes authorized under Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution among the Hall County School District, City of Gainesville Independent School District, and City of Buford Independent School District; to provide for applicability; to provide an effective date; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 1576. By Representatives Knox of the 24th, Murphy of the 23rd and Amerson of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Forsyth County and the office of solicitor-general of Forsyth County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4558), as amended, so as to change the provisions relating to the compensation of the solicitor-general of Forsyth County; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 1577. By Representative Loudermilk of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Adairsville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 1578. By Representative Loudermilk of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Adairsville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$28,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are disabled and whose household income does not exceed \$20,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1579. By Representative Loudermilk of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Adairsville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or over; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1580. By Representative Loudermilk of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Adairsville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 62 years of age or over and whose income, excluding certain retirement income, does not exceed \$10,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1581. By Representatives Smith of the 70th and Horne of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the board of education of Coweta County shall be authorized to provide group medical insurance for a former member, including such member's spouse and dependents, under certain conditions; to provide for payment; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following Resolutions of the House:

HR 30. By Representatives Brooks of the 63rd, Cummings of the 16th, Talton of the 145th, O'Neal of the 146th and Williams of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly shall be authorized to enact legislation and appropriate funds necessary to provide for retirement credit for retired members of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund for service rendered prior to January 1, 1976; to provide that such legislation may

provide for membership in such fund for peace officers who rendered service as a peace officer prior to January 1, 1976, but who are not members of the fund on July 1, 2007; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

HR 1094. By Representatives Scheid of the 22nd, Smith of the 113th, Cummings of the 16th, Rogers of the 26th, Harbin of the 118th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that funds derived from sales and use and motor fuel taxes with respect to aviation fuel may be appropriated for and grant made for all activities incident to providing and maintaining an adequate system of public-use airports in this state; to authorize the General Assembly to allocate and specify and direct the use of such funds by general law; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

HR 1109. By Representative Jamieson of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and lifetime achievements of the late Governor Samuel Ernest Vandiver, Jr., and dedicating the Samuel Ernest Vandiver, Jr., Interchange; and for other purposes.

HR 1299. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Burmeister of the 119th, Graves of the 137th, Channell of the 116th, Carter of the 159th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may by general law provide a trust fund for the purpose of paying hospitals for unreimbursed trauma care to victims of severe injury or trauma and make all provisions relating to such fund; to provide that the General Assembly may provide for a source of funding specifically designated for such fund, and that such fund shall not be subject to the lapsing provisions of the Constitution; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

HR 1339. By Representatives O`Neal of the 146th, Royal of the 171st and Porter of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for the creation and comprehensive regulation of infrastructure development districts; to

provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

HR 1661. By Representative Hatfield of the 177th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the life of Noah Hershel Stokes and dedicating the Hershel Stokes Memorial Overpass; and for other purposes.

HR 1798. By Representatives Morris of the 155th, Parrish of the 156th and Porter of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION expressing regret at the passing of Wayne H. Sumner; and for other purposes.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 1156. By Senator Tarver of the 22nd:

A RESOLUTION commending The Links, Incorporated, and its Links Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

Senator Tarver of the 22nd recognized members of The Links Incorporated, commended by SR 1156.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 665. By Senator Adelman of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of elder persons, so as to provide legislative findings; to provide definitions; to provide for the crime of criminal neglect of an adult; to provide for penalties for violations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 666. By Senator Grant of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Milledgeville, approved December 15, 1900 (Ga. L. 1900, p. 345), as amended, particularly by an Act approved August 19, 1916 (Ga. L. 1916, p.

819), and an Act approved March 5, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 2820), and an Act approved May 22, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3661), so as to provide for the transaction of business of the city council; to establish a quorum and the votes necessary to pass or enact any matter; to provide for meetings of the city council and notice thereof; to provide for the duties and powers of the mayor; to provide for the temporary appointment of individuals to act as city manager under certain circumstances; to provide additional duties of the city manager; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 667. By Senators Seay of the 34th and Starr of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the appointment of the chief magistrate of Clayton County, approved March 26, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4411), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 2, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4262), so as to provide a salary for the chief magistrate, to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 668. By Senators Seay of the 34th and Starr of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the judge of the Probate Court of Clayton County on an annual salary, approved February 7, 1950 (Ga. L. 1950, p. 2068), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4331), so as to change the compensation of the judge of the probate court; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 669. By Senators Seay of the 34th and Starr of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make provisions related to the compensation of the judge of the juvenile court of the Clayton Judicial Circuit; to provide for the compensation of the judge from state funds and from funds of Clayton County; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 670. By Senators Seay of the 34th and Starr of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as amended, so as to provide that the solicitor-general of said court may employ such assistant solicitors-general, deputy solicitors-general, or other attorneys, investigators, paraprofessionals, clerical assistants, and other employees or independent contractors as may be authorized by the Board of Commissioners of Clayton County; to provide for compensation; to provide for qualifications; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 671. By Senators Seay of the 34th and Starr of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the composition and manner of selection of the Board of Education of Clayton County, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4431), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4130), so as to change the compensation of the chairperson and members of such board; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 672. By Senators Seay of the 34th and Starr of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act consolidating the offices of tax receiver and tax collector of Clayton County into the office of tax commissioner, approved August 18, 1925 (Ga. L. 1925, p. 600), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4338), so as to change the provisions relating to the salary of the tax commissioner; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 673. By Senators Seay of the 34th and Starr of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a supplement to the salaries of the judges of the superior court of the Clayton Judicial Circuit, approved April 10, 1969 (Ga. L. 1969, p. 353), as amended, particularly by an

Act approved April 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4670), so as to increase the county supplement to the state salary of said judges; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 674. By Senators Seay of the 34th and Starr of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the sheriff and clerk of the Superior Court of Clayton County on an annual salary, approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1910), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4335), so as to increase the salary of the clerk of the Superior Court of Clayton County; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 675. By Senators Seay of the 34th and Starr of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4327), so as to provide for an increase in the compensation of the clerk of the state court; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 676. By Senators Seay of the 34th and Starr of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the sheriff and clerk of the Superior Court of Clayton County on an annual salary, approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1910), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4342), so as to change the provisions relating to the compensation of the sheriff; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 677. By Senators Seay of the 34th and Starr of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as

amended, particularly by an Act approved March 25, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4138), and an Act approved April 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4665), so as to provide for the salaries of the judges of the state court; to provide for the salary of the solicitor-general of the state court; to provide for a county supplement; to provide conditions for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 678. By Senators Seay of the 34th and Starr of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a county supplement to the state salary of the district attorney of the Clayton Judicial Circuit, approved March 4, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 2856), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4127), so as to change the amount of such county supplement; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 679. By Senators Stoner of the 6th, Thompson of the 5th, Henson of the 41st and Tate of the 38th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ethics in government, so as to prohibit any person holding office as an elected executive officer, any candidate for the office of an elected executive officer, or any campaign committee of a candidate for the office of an elected executive officer from accepting a contribution from an affiliated corporation of a regulated entity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Ethics Committee.

SR 1170. By Senators Kemp of the 46th, Adelman of the 42nd, Cagle of the 49th, Hudgens of the 47th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Governor to continue his pursuit of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility for Georgia and expressing the Senate's support of his efforts; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee.

SR 1176. By Senator Thompson of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the imposition of a state sales and use tax at the rate of 1 percent, the proceeds of which shall be used exclusively to build on the PeachCare for Kids program to provide health care coverage for all Georgia children; to provide for the creation and operation of the Penny for the Kids Trust Fund; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

SR 1183. By Senators Wiles of the 37th, Hill of the 32nd and Rogers of the 21st:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Remote Service Terminal (ATM) Safety; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Rules Committee.

SR 1185. By Senators Tarver of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Harbison of the 15th, Brown of the 26th and Stoner of the 6th:

A RESOLUTION urging that all offices of Boards of Registrars be open for no less than eight hours on the last day citizens may register to vote in the next election to encourage and promote the participation of all eligible citizens in the electoral process; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 111. By Representative O`Neal of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

- HB 304. By Representatives Burmeister of the 119th, Yates of the 73rd, Shaw of the 176th, Cummings of the 16th and Rice of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning specific, business, and occupation taxes, so as to change the provisions relating to the imposition and determination of the amount of certain regulatory fees by local governments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

- HB 338. By Representatives Warren of the 122nd, Jenkins of the 8th, Burns of the 157th, Williams of the 165th, Mosley of the 178th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-3-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to legal weapons for hunting wildlife generally, so as to change certain provisions relating to primitive weapons; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

- HB 379. By Representatives Bridges of the 10th and Cummings of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, so as to provide that a member of such retirement system employed on or after July 1, 2006, who has an impairment which prevents him or her from performing his or her duties in the position he or she held at the onset of the impairment shall not be entitled to receive a disability allowance unless his or her employer certifies that there is no available position comparable in compensation which such employee is capable of performing; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Retirement Committee.

- HB 429. By Representatives Smith of the 168th, Rogers of the 26th, Manning of the 32nd, Coleman of the 144th and Graves of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the setoff of debt

collection, so as to authorize a setoff of certain debts owed to public housing authorities; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 483. By Representatives Lane of the 158th, Parrish of the 156th and Burns of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service creditable toward retirement benefits under the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, so as to provide for such credit for certain prior service as a temporary full-time employee; to provide for application and conditions; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Retirement Committee.

HB 547. By Representatives Lunsford of the 110th and Mosley of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-71-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to calculation of and requirements relative to development impact fees imposed by local governments, so as to provide a maximum amount of impact fees which may be imposed with respect to the construction of a new single family residence; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

HB 582. By Representatives Mosley of the 178th and Cummings of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-2-99 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the applicability of creditable service in the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia for persons employed in a temporary full-time position, so as to provide that credit may be granted for service covered by Chapter 22 of Title 47, the Georgia Defined Contribution Plan; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Retirement Committee.

HB 654. By Representatives Reese of the 98th, Coan of the 101st, Maddox of the 172nd and Benfield of the 85th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for additional definitions relative to all-terrain vehicles; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Transportation Committee.

HB 710. By Representatives Jenkins of the 8th, Bridges of the 10th, Ralston of the 7th, Roberts of the 154th, Bearden of the 68th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates for motor vehicles, so as to provide for special license plates identifying persons with diabetes; to provide for issuance, renewal, fees, licensing agreements, applications, and transfers relative to such license plates; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee.

HB 731. By Representatives Borders of the 175th and Black of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to membership in the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to provide that any person who was serving as a juvenile court judge on July 1, 2006, and who was not a member of any state or local retirement system or pension fund may become a member of the Georgia Judicial Retirement System; to provide that any such person may obtain up to five years of creditable service upon payment of the employer's and employee's contribution with interest; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Retirement Committee.

HB 848. By Representatives Butler of the 18th, Maxwell of the 17th, England of the 108th, Roberts of the 154th and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemptions, so as

to provide a homestead exemption to certain residents who are senior citizens with respect to state ad valorem taxes; to provide qualifications; to provide procedures for obtaining such exemption; to provide for the taxes to which such homestead exemption is applicable; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for applicability; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 873. By Representatives Walker of the 107th, Hudson of the 124th, Day of the 163rd and Wilkinson of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physician's assistants, so as to allow physician's assistants to render assistance during a state of emergency or public health emergency; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

HB 874. By Representatives Chambers of the 81st, Jacobs of the 80th, Millar of the 79th, Willard of the 49th and Ralston of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exceptions and exemptions to requirements for disclosure of public records, so as to clarify an exception; to provide that public disclosure shall not be required for records that are specifically required by federal statute or regulation to be kept confidential; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

HB 907. By Representative Reece of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to enact the "Wholesale Licensure and Prescription Medication Integrity Act"; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for license requirements and procedures for wholesale distributors of prescription drugs; to provide for restrictions on transactions involving prescription drugs; to

provide for pedigrees for prescription drugs; to provide for enforcement; to provide for prohibited acts; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

HB 910. By Representatives Rogers of the 26th and Graves of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to change certain definitions; to delete certain duties of the Secretary of State with regard to cemeteries and funeral services; to amend provisions relating to the sale of preneed burial services; to delete certain fees; to make numerous other changes to the laws relating to cemeteries and funeral services; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

HB 953. By Representatives Chambers of the 81st, Geisinger of the 48th, Day of the 163rd and Bearden of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-9-81 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the Georgia State Indemnification Fund, so as to change the definition of law enforcement officer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Appropriations Committee.

HB 1008. By Representative Carter of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Hospice Law," so as to provide that palliative care may be provided under hospice to patients with advanced and progressive diseases with a life expectancy of more than six months; to revise certain definitions relating to hospice care; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

HB 1044. By Representatives Cheokas of the 134th, Barnard of the 166th, Lane of the 158th, Lunsford of the 110th, Forster of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to provide that part-time municipal and city court judges shall be treated as full-time judges for purposes of being exempt from certain state weapons requirements so that part-time judges shall be exempt in the same manner as full-time judges; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

HB 1121. By Representatives Smith of the 131st, Smith of the 129th, Yates of the 73rd, Warren of the 122nd, Smith of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to provide for an exemption with respect to sales of certain tangible personal property used in direct connection with the construction or improvement of the National Infantry Museum and Heritage Park at Fort Benning; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 1160. By Representatives Knight of the 126th, Tumlin of the 38th, Mosby of the 90th and O'Neal of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computation of taxable net income, so as to provide for additional adjustments with respect to certain Subchapter "S" corporations, partnerships, or limited liability companies; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for a definition; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 1168. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Parrish of the 156th and Amerson of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wine, so as to permit sales of distilled spirits, malt beverages, and wines not produced for consumption on the premises at a tasting room of a winery; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Economic Development Committee.

HB 1193. By Representatives Knight of the 126th, Rice of the 51st, Coleman of the 97th, Ralston of the 7th and Talton of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal offenses involving controlled substances, so as to prohibit owning or operating vehicles containing false or secret compartments; to prohibit installing false or secret compartments in a vehicle; to subject such vehicles to forfeiture; to provide a penalty for violations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 1195. By Representatives Willard of the 49th, Tumlin of the 38th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Geisinger of the 48th, Lindsey of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Georgia Civil Practice Act," so as to require complaints to be accompanied in filing with the civil case filing form; to require judgments to be accompanied in filing with the civil case disposition form; to change certain provisions relating to commencement of actions; to change certain provisions relating to entry of judgment; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 1216. By Representatives Freeman of the 140th, Rice of the 51st, Porter of the 143rd, Talton of the 145th, Byrd of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to equipment of law

enforcement and emergency vehicles, so as to allow the use of properly equipped all-terrain vehicles by law enforcement agencies; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee.

HB 1223. By Representatives Brown of the 69th, Cooper of the 41st, O'Neal of the 146th, Coleman of the 144th, Epps of the 128th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county boards of health, so as to revise certain provisions relating to contracts between county boards and authorization for and provisions applicable to a county board of health serving as a community service board; to amend Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, so as to revise and add certain definitions relating to community service boards; to revise certain provisions relating to the designation of boundaries for mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases regions; to revise certain provisions relating to the creation, membership, participation, powers, and bylaws of community mental health, developmental diseases, and addictive diseases service boards; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

HB 1227. By Representatives England of the 108th, Coleman of the 97th, McCall of the 30th, Roberts of the 154th, Black of the 174th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education accountability assessment programs, so as to create the Agricultural Education Oversight Commission; to provide for membership, filling of vacancies, terms, officers, duties, meetings, and reimbursement of members of the commission; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Education and Youth Committee.

HB 1228. By Representatives England of the 108th, Coleman of the 97th, McCall of the 30th, Roberts of the 154th, Black of the 174th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education accountability

assessment programs, so as to create the Career and Technical Education Oversight Commission; to provide for membership, filling of vacancies, terms, officers, duties, meetings, and reimbursement of members of the commission; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Higher Education Committee.

HB 1239. By Representatives Setzler of the 35th, Keen of the 179th, Thomas of the 55th, Maxwell of the 17th, May of the 111th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum for elementary and secondary students under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require annual instruction in certain grades in criminal law in Georgia as it relates to school-aged children; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for a minimum course of study established by the State Board of Education; to provide for a manual; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for time frames; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Education and Youth Committee.

HB 1244. By Representatives Scott of the 2nd, Reece of the 27th, Chambers of the 81st, Williams of the 4th, Graves of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-9-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the levy of the motor fuel tax, so as to change certain provisions regarding exemptions of sales by duly licensed bulk distributors with respect to public mass transit bases; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 1248. By Representatives Williams of the 4th, Dickson of the 6th and Tumlin of the 38th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 3 of the O.C.G.A., relating to alcoholic beverages, so as to provide for the comprehensive revision of provisions regarding alcoholic beverages; to change certain provisions regarding definitions; to change certain provisions regarding license or tax forms and filings; to change certain provisions regarding certain refunds or credits; to change certain provisions regarding limitations on credit; to change certain provisions regarding seizure and disposition of contraband; to change

certain provisions regarding local government licensing powers; to change certain provisions regarding criminal penalties; to change certain provisions regarding license bonds; to change certain provisions regarding license or tax stamps; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

HB 1249. By Representatives Reece of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Channell of the 116th, Rogers of the 26th, Mills of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and mobile homes, so as to provide that watercraft held in inventory for resale shall be exempt from taxation; to provide for definitions; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 1259. By Representatives Hill of the 21st, Burmeister of the 119th, Day of the 163rd and Ralston of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 38 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to private detectives and security agencies, so as to revise a definition; to revise the licensing process for private detectives and private security officers; to permit one or more individuals to qualify to hold the license for an individual, firm, association, company, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation; to provide the board with authority to promulgate rules to ensure that individuals are capable of assuming full responsibility for operations of the particular individual, firm, association, company, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation; to revise the provisions for issuing permits for carrying firearms for certain private detectives and private security officers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

HB 1273. By Representatives O'Neal of the 146th, Talton of the 145th and Morris of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to security deposits, so as to

change certain provisions regarding placement of security deposits in escrow accounts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

HB 1279. By Representatives Butler of the 18th, Smith of the 131st, Sheldon of the 105th, Smith of the 168th and Willard of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-18-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county officers and employees' participation in the state health benefit plan, so as to provide sheriffs, tax commissioners, clerks of superior court, and judges of the probate court with the option of participating in the state health benefit plan for themselves and their dependents; to provide for the coverage of their dependents; to provide for the manner of exercising such option; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Insurance and Labor Committee.

HB 1282. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th and O'Neal of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the recording of deeds and other instruments, so as to provide for the filing of a notice of settlement; to provide for an index; to provide for a fee; to provide for a form; to provide for the effect of notice; to provide for duration; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

HB 1290. By Representatives Hill of the 180th, Lewis of the 15th, Lane of the 167th and Lane of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to telephone and telegraph service, so as to prohibit the intentional sale or fraudulent transfer or use of the records of a customer of a telephone service provider; to provide a short title; to provide for a fine, imprisonment of not more than ten years, or both; to exempt law enforcement agencies; to provide definitions; to provide a legislative purpose; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Science and Technology Committee.

HB 1294. By Representatives Smith of the 113th, Floyd of the 147th and Royal of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act amending Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public property, and amending Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the university system, approved May 29, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 313), so as to delay the repeal of a certain provision of said Act until June 30, 2008; to eliminate the June 30, 2006, repeal of a certain provision of said Act; to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to change certain provisions relating to nonlapsing revenue of institutions in the university system; to provide for certain nonlapsing revenue of institutions under the Department of Technical and Adult Education; to provide for automatic repeals of certain provisions; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Higher Education Committee.

HB 1302. By Representatives Casas of the 103rd, Fleming of the 117th, Everson of the 106th, Coan of the 101st, Reese of the 98th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for public safety measures for and from young people; to amend Chapter 15 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act," so as to change certain definitions; to change certain provisions relating to the prohibition against participation in criminal street gang activity; to provide for enhanced penalties for participation in criminal street gang activity; to provide for the admissibility of certain evidence at trial; to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to change certain provisions relating to failure to leave school premises after being requested to leave; to change certain provisions relating to check-in requirements and exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 1305. By Representatives Amerson of the 9th, Stephens of the 164th, Smith of the 113th, Royal of the 171st and Forster of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Seed-Capital Fund, so as to provide definitions; to provide for investment entities as to which the state is a sole limited liability owner; to provide means of investment of Seed-Capital Fund moneys by and through investment entities as to which the state is a sole

limited liability owner; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 1307. By Representatives Loudermilk of the 14th, Martin of the 47th, Lewis of the 15th, Byrd of the 20th, Everson of the 106th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-25-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Register, so as to change certain provisions regarding the method of publishing and the contents of the publication; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Science and Technology Committee.

HB 1318. By Representative Barnard of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Board and Department of Corrections, so as to provide authority to place vending machines on the premises of department facilities for the benefit of employees; to provide for employee benefit funds; to change certain provisions relating to the Board and Department of Corrections; to provide definitions; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State Institutions and Property Committee.

HB 1323. By Representatives O'Neal of the 146th, Keen of the 179th, Royal of the 171st and Porter of the 143rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to local government, so as to provide for a comprehensive program for the creation of infrastructure development districts; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for the powers, duties, and authority of infrastructure development districts; to provide for a board to administer infrastructure development districts; to provide for appointment or election of members of an infrastructure development district board; to provide for levying taxes, fees, and assessments; to provide for the debt of infrastructure development districts; to provide for general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, notes, and other obligations of infrastructure development districts; to provide for the form of bonds; to provide for consolidation, termination, or dissolution

of infrastructure development districts; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Economic Development Committee.

HB 1335. By Representatives Day of the 163rd, Crawford of the 127th, Amerson of the 9th, Horne of the 71st, Hanner of the 148th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-3-34.1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the circumstances when an exonerated first offender's criminal record may be disclosed, so as to permit state or local law enforcement units to review first offender record information when hiring a law enforcement officer; to amend Code Section 42-8-63.1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to first offender probation discharges that disqualify individuals from employment, so as to permit consideration of such a discharge when employing a law enforcement officer; to change certain provisions relating to the disqualification of individuals from employment based on first offender probation discharge information and the disclosure of exonerated first offender records; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 1359. By Representatives Forster of the 3rd, Meadows of the 5th, Knox of the 24th and Harbin of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance, so as to create the Georgia Assignment Pool Underwriting Authority; to provide alternative mechanism coverage for the availability of individual health insurance; to provide definitions; to provide for an assignment pool underwriting board; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the board; to provide for the selection of an administrator or administrators; to provide for the duties of the Commissioner of Insurance with respect to the board and assignment pool; to provide for the establishment of rates; to provide for eligibility for and termination of coverage; to provide for minimum assignment pool benefits; to provide for certain exclusions for preexisting conditions; to provide for funding; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal the Georgia High Risk Health Insurance Plan; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Insurance and Labor Committee.

HB 1361. By Representatives Martin of the 47th, Royal of the 171st, Graves of the 137th and Wilkinson of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Redevelopment Powers Law," so as to change certain definitions; to change certain provisions regarding minimum millage rate requirements; to change certain provisions relative to creation of tax allocation districts; to change certain provisions regarding payments in lieu of taxes to certain political subdivisions; to amend Code Section 48-5-32.1, relating to certification of assessed taxable value of property and method of computation, so as to make certain conforming changes thereto; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 1371. By Representatives Graves of the 137th, Carter of the 159th, Harbin of the 118th, Stephens of the 164th and Parrish of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to enact "The Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights"; to provide for a short title; to set out a list of rights of pharmacies undergoing audits; to provide for an appeal process; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Insurance and Labor Committee.

HB 1372. By Representative Harbin of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employees' insurance and benefit plans, so as to provide for mechanisms for termination of coverage for nonpayment of premium; to provide for notification to employers; to provide for the introduction and consideration of bills impacting the state health benefit plans; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Insurance and Labor Committee.

HB 1391. By Representative Burkhalter of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 41 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to residential and general contractors, so as to change certain provisions relating to creation of the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors, membership, divisions, vacancies, qualifications, terms, and meetings; to change certain provisions relating to appointment of members, chairperson, meetings and quorums, and assistance from professional licensing boards division; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

HB 1392. By Representatives Hembree of the 67th, Rice of the 51st, Murphy of the 23rd and Yates of the 73rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform rules of the road, so as to provide for certain penalties for a driver who commits a right of way violation resulting in a collision with a motorcyclist, pedestrian, or bicyclist; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee.

HB 1403. By Representative Martin of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the joint county and municipal sales and use tax, so as to change certain provisions regarding procedures for certifying additional qualified municipalities; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 1412. By Representatives Smith of the 168th, Mosley of the 178th, Stephens of the 164th, Royal of the 171st and Bridges of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, and Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to require the use of clean and renewable fuels in certain vehicles operated by certain government

entities under certain circumstances; to provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Transportation Committee.

HB 1417. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Fleming of the 117th, Mumford of the 95th and Crawford of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-12-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compilation, maintenance, and revision of jury lists, so as to allow the Administrative Office of the Courts to assist the board of jury commissioners in compiling, maintaining, and revising the lists of trial jurors and grand jurors; to amend Code Section 40-5-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to keeping of records of applications for licenses and information, so as to provide for a cross-reference to the Administrative Office of the Courts receiving certain information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 1423. By Representative Cox of the 102nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the terms of court for the superior courts, so as to change the terms of the superior court in Gwinnett County; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

HB 1424. By Representatives Smith of the 168th, Williams of the 165th, Hatfield of the 177th, Sims of the 169th, Roberts of the 154th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wildlife generally, so as to change certain provisions relating to hunting with dogs generally; to change certain provisions relating to killing of dogs running deer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

HB 1436. By Representatives Smith of the 113th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Chambers of the 81st, Drenner of the 86th, Burkhalter of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 3 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to wine, so as to authorize restaurant patrons to remove for off-premises consumption a resealed partially consumed bottle of wine that was purchased with a full-course meal; to provide for a definition of the term full-course meal; to amend Article 11 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to miscellaneous provisions of the uniform rules of the road, so as to provide that a resealed partially consumed bottle of wine that was purchased with a full-course meal is not an open alcoholic beverage container for purposes of the prohibition against possessing an open container of alcohol in the passenger area of a motor vehicle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

HB 1451. By Representatives Sheldon of the 105th, Knox of the 24th, Walker of the 107th, Byrd of the 20th, Channell of the 116th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7A of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Long-term Care Partnership Program, so as to revise certain definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

HB 1456. By Representatives Meadows of the 5th, Maxwell of the 17th, Smith of the 131st, Forster of the 3rd, Holt of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide availability of an accident and sickness policy upon termination of dependent coverage based on the age of the dependent; to change requirements as to individual accident and sickness policies to insure certain dependent children of the insured up to and including age 25; to provide an exception for certain matters concerning renewability of individual accident and sickness policies; to provide for the Commissioner to promulgate rules and regulations; to require that certain group accident and

sickness insurance policies insure certain dependent children of the insured up to and including age 25; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Insurance and Labor Committee.

HB 1460. By Representatives Hill of the 180th, Lane of the 158th, Parrish of the 156th, Warren of the 122nd and Reese of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, so as to extensively revise various provisions relative to shrimp and shrimping; to change certain provisions relating to definitions relative to game and fish generally; to repeal certain provisions relating to size and construction requirements of cast nets; to change certain provisions relating to lawful methods of fishing generally; to change certain provisions relating to lawful gear generally; to change certain provisions relating to required records; to change certain provisions relating to taking of shrimp for noncommercial purposes generally; to change certain provisions relating to limit on amount of shrimp taken by cast net and penalty for violation; to change certain provisions relating to lawful nets; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

HB 1473. By Representatives Brown of the 69th, Channell of the 116th, Stephens of the 164th, Shaw of the 176th and Ehrhart of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require prior legislative approval for the submission of certain waivers pursuant to Section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Appropriations Committee.

HB 1483. By Representative Parsons of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-212 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to salary schedules for certificated personnel under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require two public hearings prior to decreasing any local salary supplement when there has been

an increase in the state minimum salary schedule; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Education and Youth Committee.

HB 1484. By Representative Tumlin of the 38th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to clarify the circumstances under which an insurable interest exists with respect to personal insurance; to codify the common law with respect to certain insurable interests; to change certain provisions concerning prerequisites for replacement life insurance exceeding insurance being surrendered; to change special employee group provisions of group life insurance; to alter required policy provisions for group life insurance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Insurance and Labor Committee.

HB 1490. By Representatives Burns of the 157th, Lane of the 158th and Jenkins of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-3-10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to directing persons to leave parks, historic sites, or recreational areas upon their refusal to observe rules and regulations and prohibited acts generally, so as to change certain provisions relating to prohibitions against having or using certain boats on state park lakes; to amend Code Section 16-9-70 of the O.C.G.A., relating to criminal use of an article with an altered identification mark, so as to include vessels within the applicability of said Code section; to amend Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to change certain provisions relating to definitions; to change certain provisions relating to requirement as to numbering of vessels; to provide for forfeiture proceedings; to provide penalties for violations; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

HB 1497. By Representatives Knight of the 126th, Chambers of the 81st, Burkhalter of the 50th and Benfield of the 85th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dogs, so as to provide for requirements

for persons who own vicious dogs; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements for possessing a vicious dog; to provide for restrictions on permitting vicious dogs to be outside of proper enclosures; to provide for confiscation of vicious dogs under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties; to provide that the article is supplementary to other laws; to provide for liability for damages; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee.

HB 1501. By Representatives Lindsey of the 54th and Wilkinson of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to change provisions relating to the maximum fines which may be imposed for violations of county ordinances and which may be imposed by municipal courts; to change provisions relating to the maximum fines which may be specified by municipalities exercising home rule powers; to specifically authorize counties and municipalities to adopt ordinances relating to alcoholic beverages specifying fines up to a certain maximum amount; to provide for such provisions to control over conflicting provisions of local laws; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

HB 1502. By Representatives Royal of the 171st, O'Neal of the 146th and Roberts of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for additional powers, duties, and authority of the state revenue commissioner with respect to property appraisal and assessment; to change certain provisions relating to bona fide conservation use covenants; to change certain provisions regarding appointment of members of county boards of tax assessors; to change certain provisions regarding qualifications of members of county boards of tax assessors; to change certain provisions regarding eligibility and terms of office of members of county boards of tax assessors; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 1506. By Representatives Houston of the 170th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Royal of the 171st, Harbin of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, collection, and assessment of state sales and use tax, so as to prohibit certain sales at any business location where the state revenue commissioner has revoked such business location's certificate of registration; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 1528. By Representative Jamieson of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Banks County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$16,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding \$10,000.00 and who are 65 years of age or over, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4130), so as to increase the amount of such exemption; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1542. By Representative Ralston of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 41 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to residential and general contractors, so as to extend the date by which the licensing requirements imposed by the chapter become effective; to extend the date by which persons must meet and apply to be licensed without examination; to change provisions relating to licensure involving a reciprocal agreement; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

HB 1557. By Representative Barnard of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to re-create and reincorporate the City of Collins, approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 3792), so as to repeal

a provision relating to limitations on terms of service; to provide for other matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1558. By Representative Burns of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate and to grant a new charter to the City of Sylvania, approved March 1, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 2030), as amended, so as to change the corporate boundaries of such city; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1559. By Representatives Burns of the 157th and Carter of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Guyton; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers, duties, authority, election, terms, vacancies, compensation, expenses, qualifications, prohibitions, conflicts of interest, and suspension and removal from office relative to members of such governing authority; to provide for inquiries and investigations; to provide for oaths, organization, meetings, quorum, voting, rules, and procedures; to provide for ordinances and codes; to provide for a mayor and mayor pro tempore and certain duties, powers, and other matters relative thereto; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to repeal an Act incorporating the City of Guyton in the County of Effingham, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 3806); to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1560. By Representative Greene of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Miller County, approved March 2, 1935 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 538), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 18, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3921), so as to change the compensation of the judge and solicitor-general of said court; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1561. By Representative Greene of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the judge of the Probate Court of Randolph County shall have the authority to appoint a person other than the clerk of the superior court to serve as clerk of the Probate Court of Randolph County; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1562. By Representative Hanner of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a charter for the City of Richland, Georgia, approved August 8, 1922 (Ga. L. 1922, p. 925), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such city by annexing certain territory in Stewart County into such city; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1572. By Representatives Murphy of the 23rd, Knox of the 24th and Amerson of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a salary supplement for each judge of the Superior Court of the Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1573. By Representative Mills of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Flowery Branch, approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. Laws 1979, p. 3404), as amended, so as to establish the corporate limits of the City of Flowery Branch; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1574. By Representatives Murphy of the 23rd, Knox of the 24th and Amerson of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating and establishing a civil service system in Forsyth County for the employees of Forsyth County,

approved March 13, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3576), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 4272), so as to exempt certain employees of the sheriff from the civil service system and from any rights, protections, privileges, or right of appeal under the civil service system; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1575. By Representatives Mills of the 25th, Rogers of the 26th, Reece of the 27th and Benton of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the continuation of an alternative method of distribution of the net proceeds of the sales and use tax for educational purposes authorized under Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution among the Hall County School District, City of Gainesville Independent School District, and City of Buford Independent School District; to provide for applicability; to provide an effective date; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1576. By Representatives Knox of the 24th, Murphy of the 23rd and Amerson of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Forsyth County and the office of solicitor-general of Forsyth County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4558), as amended, so as to change the provisions relating to the compensation of the solicitor-general of Forsyth County; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1577. By Representative Loudermilk of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Adairsville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption

and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1578. By Representative Loudermilk of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Adairsville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$28,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are disabled and whose household income does not exceed \$20,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1579. By Representative Loudermilk of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Adairsville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or over; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1580. By Representative Loudermilk of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Adairsville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 62 years of age or over and whose income, excluding certain retirement income, does not exceed \$10,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1581. By Representatives Smith of the 70th and Horne of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the board of education of Coweta County shall be authorized to provide group medical insurance for a former member, including such member's spouse and dependents, under certain conditions; to provide for payment; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HR 30. By Representatives Brooks of the 63rd, Cummings of the 16th, Talton of the 145th, O'Neal of the 146th and Williams of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly shall be authorized to enact legislation and appropriate funds necessary to provide for retirement credit for retired members of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund for service rendered prior to January 1, 1976; to provide that such legislation may provide for membership in such fund for peace officers who rendered service as a peace officer prior to January 1, 1976, but who are not members of the fund on July 1, 2007; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Retirement Committee.

HR 1094. By Representatives Scheid of the 22nd, Smith of the 113th, Cummings of the 16th, Rogers of the 26th, Harbin of the 118th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that funds derived from sales and use and motor fuel taxes with respect to aviation fuel may be appropriated for and grant made for all activities incident to providing and maintaining an adequate system of public-use airports in this state; to authorize the General Assembly to allocate and specify and direct the use of such funds by general law; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Appropriations Committee.

HR 1109. By Representative Jamieson of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and lifetime achievements of the late Governor Samuel Ernest Vandiver, Jr., and dedicating the Samuel Ernest Vandiver, Jr., Interchange; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Transportation Committee.

HR 1299. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Burmeister of the 119th, Graves of the 137th, Channell of the 116th, Carter of the 159th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may by general law provide a trust fund for the purpose of paying hospitals for unreimbursed trauma care to victims of severe injury or trauma and make all provisions relating to such fund; to provide that the General Assembly may provide for a source of funding specifically designated for such fund, and that such fund shall not be subject to the lapsing provisions of the Constitution; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Appropriations Committee.

HR 1339. By Representatives O'Neal of the 146th, Royal of the 171st and Porter of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for the creation and comprehensive regulation of infrastructure development districts; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Economic Development Committee.

HR 1551. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Smith of the 70th, Hill of the 180th, Lane of the 158th, Burns of the 157th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Comprehensive Water Desalination Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

HR 1661. By Representative Hatfield of the 177th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the life of Noah Hershel Stokes and dedicating the Hershel Stokes Memorial Overpass; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Transportation Committee.

Mr. President:

The State and Local Governmental Operations Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1087	Do Pass	HB 1332	Do Pass
HB 1197	Do Pass	HB 1333	Do Pass
HB 1199	Do Pass	SB 658	Do Pass
HB 1327	Do Pass	SR 871	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Wiles of the 37th District, Chairman

Senator Tate of the 38th asked unanimous consent that Senator Fort of the 39th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Fort was excused.

Senator Harp of the 29th asked unanimous consent that Senator Grant of the 25th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Grant was excused.

Senator Miles of the 43rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Brown of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Brown was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Adelman	Hill,Judson	Starr
Brown	Hooks	Staton
Bulloch	Hudgens	Stephens
Butler	Johnson	Tarver
Cagle	Jones	Tate
Carter	Kemp	Thomas,D
Chance	Me V Bremen	Thomas,R
Chapman	Miles	Thompson,C
Douglas	Moody	Thompson,S
Goggans	Pearson	Tolleson
Golden	Powell	Unterman

Hamrick	Reed	Weber
Harbison	Rogers	Whitehead
Harp	Seabaugh	Wiles
Heath	Seay	Williams
Henson	Shafer,D	Zamarripa
Hill,Jack	Smith	

Not answering were Senators:

Balfour	Fort (Excused)	Grant (Excused)
Mullis (Excused)	Schaefer	Stoner

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Senator Carter of the 13th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Sam Rogers of Tifton, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Staton of the 18th recognized the family of Sergeant Philip Allan Dodson, Jr., commended by SR 664, adopted previously.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 1187. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Thomas of the 54th, Kemp of the 46th, Weber of the 40th, Cagle of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the American Red Cross and proclaiming March, 2006, American Red Cross Month; and for other purposes.

Senator Shafer of the 48th recognized members of the Red Cross, commended by SR 1187.

Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Joe Bateman.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 1143. By Senator Hooks of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Peggy Sheppard upon her retirement as director of tourism for the Town of Andersonville; and for other purposes.

SR 1144. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Cordiary Bell on being named runner-up at the wrestling Class AAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 1145. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Antonio Richardson on his fourth place finish at the wrestling Class AAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 1146. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Justin Rodriguez on his sixth place finish at the wrestling Class AAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 1147. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Matt Hall on his sixth place finish at the wrestling Class AAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 1148. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Will McVay on his fourth place finish at the wrestling Class AAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 1149. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Darren Ingram on his fifth place finish at the wrestling Class AAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 1150. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Trevione Hudson on his fifth place finish at the wrestling Class AAAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 1151. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating James Bradley on his sixth place finish at the wrestling Class AAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 1152. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Desmond Scott on his third place finish at the wrestling Class AAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 1153. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Juan Pickett on his sixth place finish at the wrestling Class AAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 1154. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the University of West Georgia on its centennial celebration; and for other purposes.

SR 1155. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending Pastor Scottie Swinney for his life of dedicated service to his church, community, and fellow citizens; and for other purposes.

SR 1157. By Senators Kemp of the 46th and Hudgens of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending James G. "Jim" Ledbetter for his contributions to the Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG) at the University of Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 1158. By Senators Kemp of the 46th, Tolleson of the 20th, Bulloch of the 11th, Harp of the 29th, Pearson of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Daniel B. Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources on its centennial anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 1159. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating DeVante Griffin on winning the wrestling Class AAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 1160. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Dorian Henderson on winning the wrestling Class AAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 1161. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating C.J. Baron on winning the wrestling Class A State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 1162. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Alan Taylor on winning the wrestling Class AAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 1163. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending Reverend Wayne D. Baker for his life of dedicated service to his church, community, and fellow citizens; and for other purposes.

SR 1164. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Albert McCorvey of the New Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 1165. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Reverend Joseph Roberson, senior pastor at South Columbus United Methodist Church, for all his contributions to the Columbus, Georgia, community; and for other purposes.

SR 1166. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Henry Cook for his contributions to the community of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 1167. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending Billy Jackson; and for other purposes.

SR 1168. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Mr. Harry Williams; and for other purposes.

SR 1169. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating J. D. Davis Elementary School, Columbus, Georgia, as recipient of a Weyerhaeuser "Excellence in Recycling" Award; and for other purposes.

SR 1171. By Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Hooks of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Wynfield Plantation and its manager Bill Bowles on being named the 2005 Orvis Endorsed Wingshooting Lodge of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 1172. By Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Everette J. Freeman, President of Albany State University; and for other purposes.

SR 1173. By Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Albany Museum of Art and its Director Aaron Berger on the institution's recognition as the 2005 Museum of the Year by the Georgia Association of Museums; and for other purposes.

SR 1174. By Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION remembering and honoring the life of the Reverend Dr. John Rowan Claypool IV; and for other purposes.

SR 1175. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Miles of the 43rd, Powell of the 23rd, Brown of the 26th, Henson of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Mr. Lee Haney; and for other purposes.

SR 1177. By Senator Thompson of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Charles Tyler Crump; and for other purposes.

SR 1178. By Senator Thompson of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Christopher John Hudgins; and for other purposes.

SR 1179. By Senators Johnson of the 1st, Williams of the 19th, Wiles of the 37th and Balfour of the 9th:

A RESOLUTION commending Mr. Billy Tauzin; and for other purposes.

SR 1180. By Senators Williams of the 19th, Douglas of the 17th, Johnson of the 1st and Cagle of the 49th:

A RESOLUTION welcoming O. Bruton Smith, Jeff Burton, Reed Sorenson, John Andretti, Bill Lester, and David Ragan to Atlanta Motor Speedway Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 1181. By Senators Johnson of the 1st, Williams of the 19th and Brown of the 26th:

A RESOLUTION commending the 2006 Senate aides for their service; and for other purposes.

SR 1182. By Senators Johnson of the 1st, Williams of the 19th and Brown of the 26th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Senate interns for the 2006 regular session; and for other purposes.

SR 1184. By Senators Chance of the 16th, Douglas of the 17th, Rogers of the 21st, Cagle of the 49th, Carter of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Mr. Reed Sorenson; and for other purposes.

HR 1798. By Representatives Morris of the 155th, Parrish of the 156th and Porter of the 143rd:

A RESOLUTION expressing regret at the passing of Wayne H. Sumner; and for other purposes.

Senator Tarver of the 22nd introduced Dr. Rich Jadick, commended by SR 796, adopted previously. Dr. Jadick addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Tolleson of the 20th asked unanimous consent that Senator Hill of the 4th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Hill was excused.

Senator Whitehead of the 24th asked unanimous consent that Senator Seabaugh of the 28th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seabaugh was excused.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 14, 2006
Thirty-first Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 658 Carter of the 13th
TIFT COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the Tift County Board of Education, approved March 31, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 2722), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5262), and an Act approved February 16, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3538), so as to provide for the continuation in office of the current members; to provide for the election of a chairperson; to provide for related matters; to provide for a submission pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1087 Williams of the 19th
WAYNE COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to increase the number of directors on the board of the Wayne County Industrial Development Authority established by Ga. L. 1964, p. 1002 (Res. Act No. 167; S.R. 147) and carried forward as part of the Constitution of the State of Georgia by Ga. L. 1987, p. 3805 (Act No. 141; HB 940), from seven to nine, pursuant to the power granted to the General Assembly by paragraph N. in Ga. L. 1964, p. 1002 (Res. Act No. 167; S.R. 147); to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1199 Chapman of the 3rd
MCINTOSH COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the probate judge of McIntosh County shall serve ex officio as chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of McIntosh County on and after a date certain; to provide an effective date; to repeal certain Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1327 Tarver of the 22nd
Powell of the 23rd
CITY OF AUGUSTA

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the consolidated government of Augusta, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1332 Meyer von Bremen of the 12th
TERRELL COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the chief magistrate of Terrell County shall have the authority to appoint a person other than the clerk of the superior court to serve as clerk of the Magistrate Court of Terrell County; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1333 Meyer von Bremen of the 12th
TERRELL COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the judge of the Probate Court of Terrell County shall have the authority to appoint a person other than the clerk of the superior court to serve as clerk of the Probate Court of Terrell County; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution, the following local bill relating to homestead exemptions requires a two-thirds roll-call vote for passage:

HB 1197

Chapman of the 3rd
CITY OF DARIAN

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Darien ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Y Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Y Starr
Y Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	Y Johnson	Y Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tarver
Y Carter	Y Kemp	E Tate
Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thomas,R
Y Douglas	Y Moody	Y Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	Y Tolleson
Y Golden	Y Powell	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Y Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Y Harp	E Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	Y Seay	Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

NOTICE OF MOTION TO RECONSIDER:

- SB 602 Human Resources, Dept.; mental health; require privatization of one/more state facilities; provide contracts (Substitute)(H&HS-52nd)
- SB 422 Chiropractors; definitions; scope of practice; increase penalty for improper practice (Substitute)(H&HS-45th)

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY

- HB 400 Teachers Retirement; postretirement benefit increase; provisions (RET-31st) Coleman-97th
- HB 1052 Motor vehicles; distinguishable transporter license plate; provisions (PS&HS-20th) Murphy-23rd
- HB 81 Homestead exemption; unremarried surviving spouse of deceased spouse; provisions (FIN-1st) Day-163rd
- SR 1027 Court Surcharges and Additional Fines, Senate Study Committee; create (JUDY-37th)
- HB 984 Education; parent in military service; excused absences; provide(Substitute) (ED&Y-16th) Coan-101st
- HB 149 Garnishment; exempt certain IRAs (RET-48th) Franklin-43rd
- SR 844 Bluegrass Music Week in Georgia; recognize (RULES-24th)
- HB 644 Employees' Retirement; allowable service; change provisions (RET-31st) Coleman-97th
- HB 660 Firefighters' and Class Nine Pension Funds; certain active military duty; creditable service (RET-31st) Cummings-16th
- HB 1020 Retirement; allowances; withdrawal of contributions; amend provisions (RET-31st) Bridges-10th

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Balfour of the 9th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

Senator Butler of the 55th asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

Senator Whitehead of the 24th asked unanimous consent that Senator Grant of the 25th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Grant was excused.

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 400. By Representatives Coleman of the 97th, Cummings of the 16th, Bridges of the 10th, Meadows of the 5th, Maddox of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement allowances, disability benefits, and spouses' benefits in the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, so as to provide for a postretirement benefit increase; to provide for applicability; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Heath of the 31st.

The following Fiscal Notes, as required by law, were read by the Secretary:



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January 17, 2006

The Honorable Brooks P. Coleman, Jr.
State Representative
State Capitol, Room 416
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Substitute to House Bill 400
(LC 21 8630S)

Dear Representative Coleman:

This bill would amend provisions relating to retirement allowances under the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia. Specifically, this bill would provide for a postretirement benefit increase for beneficiaries who began receiving retirement benefits on or before June 30, 1987. Under the provisions of this bill, all beneficiaries who retired prior to July 1, 1974 with at least 20 years of creditable service would receive a benefit increase of 10 percent. This bill provides for smaller increases for members who retired from July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1987 and for persons who retired with less than 20 years of creditable service. This bill does not authorize a postretirement benefit increase for any member who retired after June 30, 1987.

This is to certify that the changes made in this substitute bill are a reduction in cost amendment as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law. The actuarial investigation and the State Auditor's Summary for the substitute bill are attached.

Respectfully,

/s/ Russell W. Hinton
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January 17, 2006

Honorable Ben Bridges, Chairman
House Retirement Committee
State Capitol, Room 402
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Actuarial Investigation
House Bill 400 (LC 21 8630S)
Teachers Retirement System

Dear Chairman Bridges:

This bill would amend provisions relating to retirement allowances under the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia. Specifically, this bill would provide for a postretirement benefit increase for beneficiaries who began receiving retirement benefits on or before June 30, 1987. Under the provisions of this bill, all beneficiaries who retired prior to July 1, 1974 with at least 20 years of creditable service would receive a benefit increase of 10 percent. This bill provides for smaller increases for members who retired from July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1987 and for persons who retired with less than 20 years of creditable service. This bill does not authorize a postretirement benefit increase for any member who retired after June 30, 1987.

The first year cost of this legislation would be \$3,760,000 in order to meet the concurrent funding requirements of O.C.G.A. 47-20-50. The first year cost represents .04% of the current projected payroll of \$9,400,000,000, and is the cost required each year for the next 20 years to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The estimated cost is based on current employee data, actuarial assumptions, and actuarial methods. It should be noted that changes in any of these variables could affect the cost of this legislation. Approximately 57% of the additional cost resulting from this bill would be paid through state appropriations. The remaining 43% would be paid through federal, local, and other fund sources.

As written, this legislation would authorize, but not require certain local retirement systems to provide similar benefit increases to teachers who retired under a county, municipal, or local board of education retirement system. Such system would be authorized to implement this benefit increase if the actuary for the fund certifies that such increase would not result in any unfunded accrued liability or if the affected political subdivision appropriates sufficient funds to cover the actuarial cost of the benefit increase. There are currently four local retirement systems that pay benefits to retired teachers. Actuaries for these systems have determined that the first year cost for such benefit increase would range from \$151 for the City of Rome to \$261,000 for the Fulton County School Employees Pension Fund. The combined first year cost for the four retirement systems is \$437,953. The estimated costs are based on current employee data, actuarial assumptions, and actuarial methods.

The following is a summary of the relevant findings of the actuarial investigation for this bill pursuant to a request by the House Retirement Committee. The investigation was to be conducted according to O.C.G.A. 47-20-36, which outlines the factors to be considered in an actuarial investigation. The figures are based on employee data and the most recent actuarial assumptions and methods.

- (1) The amount of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill.

\$ 48,467,000

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| (2) The amount of the annual amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill. | <u>\$ 3,760,000</u> |
| (3) The number of years that the unfunded actuarial accrued liability created by this bill would be amortized. | <u>20</u> |
| (4) The amount of the annual normal cost which will result from the bill. | <u>\$ 0</u> |
| (5) The employer contribution rate currently in effect. | <u>9.24%</u> |
| (6) The employer contribution rate recommended (in conformity with minimum funding standards specified in Code Section 47-20-10). | <u>9.28%</u> |
| (7) The dollar amount of the increase in the annual employer contribution which is necessary to maintain the retirement system in an actuarially sound condition. | <u>\$ 3,760,0000</u> |

It should be noted that any subsequent changes in the retirement bill will invalidate the actuarial investigation and the findings included therein.

Respectfully,

/s/ Russell W. Hinton
State Auditor

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Y Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Y Starr
Y Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	Y Johnson	Y Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tarver
Y Carter	Y Kemp	Y Tate
Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thomas,R
Y Douglas	Y Moody	Y Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	Y Tolleson
Y Golden	Y Powell	Y Unterman

E Grant	Y Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Y Harp	E Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	Y Seay	Zamarripa
Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HB 400, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Staton of the 18th asked unanimous consent that Senator Douglas of the 17th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Douglas was excused.

Senator Seay of the 34th asked unanimous consent that Senator Zamarripa of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Zamarripa was excused.

HB 1052. By Representatives Murphy of the 23rd, Rice of the 51st and Beasley-Teague of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, so as to provide for a distinguishable transporter license plate; to amend Chapter 47 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to used motor vehicle and used motor vehicle parts dealers, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Tolleson of the 20th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Y Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Y Starr
Y Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	Y Johnson	Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tarver
Y Carter	Y Kemp	Y Tate
Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D

Y Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thomas,R
E Douglas	Y Moody	Y Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	Y Tolleson
Y Golden	Y Powell	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Y Reed	Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	Y Seay	E Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 1052, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Butler of the 55th asked unanimous consent that Senator Brown of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Brown was excused.

Senator Fort of the 39th asked unanimous consent that Senator Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tate was excused.

HB 81. By Representatives Day of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, Bryant of the 160th, Jackson of the 161st and Scott of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding ad valorem tax exemptions, so as to provide that, with respect to all homestead exemptions, the unremarried surviving spouse of a deceased spouse who has been granted a homestead exemption shall continue to receive that exemption so long as that unremarried surviving spouse continues to occupy the home as a residence and homestead; to provide for a referendum, applicability, and effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Johnson of the 1st.

Senator Jones of the 10th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend HB 81 (LC 18 4116S) by striking "unremarried" from line 20 of page 1.

By striking "unremarried" from line 15 of page 2.

On the adoption of the amendment, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Y Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Starr
E Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	N Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	Y Johnson	Y Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tarver
Y Carter	N Kemp	E Tate
Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thomas,R
E Douglas	N Moody	Y Thompson,C
Y Fort	Mullis	Y Thompson,S
N Goggans	Y Pearson	Y Tolleson
Y Golden	Y Powell	N Unterman
Y Grant	Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
N Heath	Y Seay	E Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 43, nays 6, and the Jones amendment #1 was adopted.

Senators Wiles of the 37th, Hill of the 32nd, Heath of the 31st, Hamrick of the 30th, Staton of the 18th and others offered the following amendment #2:

Amend HB 81 by inserting "to amend Code Section 48-5-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding property tax exemptions, so as to redefine the term 'applicant';" between "exemptions;" and "to" on line 4 of page 1.

By inserting between Sections 1 and 2 the following:

SECTION 1A.

Code Section 48-5-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding property tax exemptions, is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting in its place a new paragraph (1) to read as follows:

"(1) 'Applicant' means a person who is:

(A)(i) A married individual living with his spouse;

~~(B)~~(ii) An individual who is unmarried but who permanently maintains a home for the benefit of one or more other individuals who are related to such individual

or dependent wholly or partially upon such individual for support;

~~(C)~~(iii) An individual who is widowed having one or more children and maintaining a home occupied by himself and the child or children;

~~(D)~~(iv) A divorced individual living in a bona fide state of separation and having legal custody of one or more children, when the divorced individual owns and maintains a home for the child or children; or

~~(E)~~(v) An individual who is unmarried or is widowed and who permanently maintains a home owned and occupied by himself; and

(B) Who is a resident of this state as defined in paragraph (15) of Code Section 40-5-1, as amended."

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 41, nays 0, and the Wiles et al. amendment #2 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Y Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Starr
E Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	Y Johnson	Y Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tarver
Y Carter	Y Kemp	E Tate
Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thomas,R
E Douglas	Y Moody	Y Thompson,C
Fort	Mullis	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	Y Tolleson
Y Golden	Y Powell	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	Y Seay	E Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 0.

HB 81, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

Senator Jones of the 10th asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

Senator Thompson of the 5th asked unanimous consent that Senator Stoner of the 6th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Stoner was excused.

Senator Thompson of the 5th asked unanimous consent that Senator Golden of the 8th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Golden was excused.

SR 1027. By Senators Wiles of the 37th, Harp of the 29th, Hamrick of the 30th, Balfour of the 9th and Adelman of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Court Surcharges and Additional Fines; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Starr
E Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	Y Johnson	E Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tarver
Y Carter	Y Kemp	E Tate
Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thomas,R
E Douglas	Y Moody	Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	Y Tolleson
E Golden	Y Powell	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Y Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	E Seay	E Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 46, nays 0.

SR 1027, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

HB 984. By Representatives Coan of the 101st, Lunsford of the 110th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Ralston of the 7th, Coleman of the 97th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance for students in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that a student whose parent is in military service is granted excused absences from school to visit with his or her parent prior to deployment or while on leave; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Chance of the 16th.

The Senate Education and Youth Committee offered the following substitute to HB 984:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance for students in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that a student whose parent or legal guardian is in military service is granted excused absences from school to visit with his or her parent or legal guardian prior to deployment or while on leave; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance for students in elementary and secondary education, is amended by inserting after Code Section 20-2-692, relating to General Assembly pages granted excused absences, a new Code Section 20-2-692.1 to read as follows:

"20-2-692.1.

A student whose parent or legal guardian is in military service in the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard, and such parent or legal guardian has been called to duty for or is on leave from overseas deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting, shall be granted excused absences, up to a maximum of five school days per school year, for the day or days missed from school to visit with his or her parent or legal guardian prior to such parent's or legal guardian's deployment or during such parent's or legal guardian's leave. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require a local school system to revise any policies relating to maximum number of excused and unexcused absences for any purposes."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, the yeas were 37, nays 0, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Y Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Y Starr
E Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	Y Johnson	E Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tarver
Y Carter	Y Kemp	E Tate
Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thomas,R
E Douglas	Y Moody	Y Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	Y Tolleson
E Golden	Y Powell	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Y Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	E Seay	E Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

HB 984, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Seabaugh of the 28th asked unanimous consent that Senator Carter of the 13th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Carter was excused.

HB 149. By Representatives Franklin of the 43rd, Scott of the 2nd, Jacobs of the 80th, Benfield of the 85th, Willard of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 18-4-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the exemption of certain pension or

retirement funds or benefits from garnishment until certain payment or transfer thereof, so as to provide for such an exemption with respect to additional individual retirement account funds or benefits; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Shafer of the 48th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Y Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Y Starr
E Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	Y Johnson	E Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tarver
E Carter	Y Kemp	E Tate
Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thomas,R
E Douglas	Y Moody	Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	Y Tolleson
E Golden	Y Powell	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Y Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	E Seay	E Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 0.

HB 149, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Kemp of the 46th asked unanimous consent that Senator Harp of the 29th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Harp was excused.

Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th asked unanimous consent that Senator Adelman of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Adelman was excused.

SR 844. By Senator Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing May 1st through 7th as "Bluegrass Music Week in Georgia"; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Y Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Y Starr
E Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	Y Johnson	E Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tarver
E Carter	Y Kemp	E Tate
Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thomas,R
E Douglas	Y Moody	Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	Y Tolleson
E Golden	Y Powell	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Y Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
E Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	E Seay	E Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 45, nays 0.

SR 844, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

HB 644. By Representatives Coleman of the 97th, McCall of the 30th, Bridges of the 10th, Cummings of the 16th and Forster of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-2-96.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creditable service in the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia for certain temporary full-time service, so as to

change certain provisions relating to allowable service; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Heath of the 31st.

The following Fiscal Notes, as required by law, were read by the Secretary:



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February 22, 2005

The Honorable Brooks Coleman
State Representative
State Capitol, Room 416
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
House Bill 664 (LC 21 8257)

Dear Representative Coleman:

This bill would amend provisions relating to creditable service under the Employees' Retirement System. Specifically, this bill would allow members who had 'temporary full-time service' in the legislative branch prior to July 1, 2006 to obtain up to 10 years of creditable service for such prior service. Currently, this provision is only available to persons who had such service prior to January 1, 1996. Members wishing to obtain such creditable service must submit their application to the Board by January 1, 2007 and pay the employee and employer contributions that would have been paid to the retirement system during such period of time.

This is to certify that this is a fiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,

/s/ Russell W. Hinton
State Auditor



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October 20, 2005

Honorable Ben Bridges, Chairman
House Retirement Committee
State Capitol, Room 402
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Actuarial Investigation
House Bill 644 (LC 21 8257)
Employees' Retirement System

Dear Chairman Bridges:

This bill would amend provisions relating to creditable service under the Employees' Retirement System. Specifically, this bill would allow members who had 'temporary full-time service' in the legislative branch prior to July 1, 2006 to obtain up to 10 years of creditable service for such prior service. Currently, this provision is only available to persons who had such service prior to January 1, 1996. Members wishing to obtain such creditable service must submit their application to the Board of Trustees by January 1, 2007 and pay the employee and employer contributions that would have been paid to the Employees' Retirement System during such period of time.

The first year cost of this legislation would be \$6,000 in order to meet the concurrent funding requirements of O.C.G.A. 47-20-50. The first year cost represents .0002% of the current projected payroll of \$2,600,000,000 and is the cost required each year for the next 20 years to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The estimated cost is based on current employee data, actuarial assumptions, and actuarial methods. It should be noted that changes in any of these variables could affect the cost of this legislation. Any future costs would be paid through State appropriations.

The following is a summary of the relevant findings of the actuarial investigation for this bill pursuant to a request by the House Retirement Committee. The investigation was to be conducted according to O.C.G.A. 47-20-36, which outlines the factors to be

considered in an actuarial investigation. The figures are based on employee data and the most recent actuarial assumptions and methods.

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| (1) The amount of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill. | <u>\$ 78,000</u> |
| (2) The amount of the annual amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill. | <u>\$ 6,000</u> |
| (3) The number of years that the unfunded actuarial accrued liability created by this bill would be amortized. | <u>20</u> |
| (4) The amount of the annual normal cost which will result from the bill. | <u>\$ 0</u> |
| (5) The employer contribution rate currently in effect. | <u>10.41%</u> |
| (6) The employer contribution rate recommended (in conformity with minimum funding standards specified in Code Section 47-20-10). | <u>10.41%</u> |
| (7) The dollar amount of the increase in the annual employer contribution which is necessary to maintain the retirement system in an actuarially sound condition. | <u>\$ 6,000</u> |

It should be noted that any subsequent changes in the retirement bill will invalidate the actuarial investigation and the findings included therein.

Respectfully,

/s/ Russell W. Hinton
State Auditor

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Y Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Y Starr
E Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	Y Johnson	E Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tarver
Y Carter	Y Kemp	E Tate

Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thomas,R
E Douglas	Y Moody	Y Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	Y Tolleson
E Golden	Y Powell	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Y Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
E Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	E Seay	E Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 0.

HB 644, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 660. By Representatives Cummings of the 16th, Bridges of the 10th, Yates of the 73rd and Forster of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund, so as to provide for creditable service in the fund for certain active military duty; to provide for the calculation of creditable service on a monthly basis; to amend Chapter 7A of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Class Nine Fire Department Pension Fund, so as to provide for creditable service in the fund for certain active military duty; to provide for the calculation of creditable service on a monthly basis; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Heath of the 31st.

The following Fiscal Notes, as required by law, were read by the Secretary:



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February 22, 2005

The Honorable Bill Cummings
State Representative
Legislative Office Building, Room 604-A
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
House Bill 660 (LC 21 8224)

Dear Representative Cummings:

This bill would amend provisions relating to creditable service for members of the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund and members of the Georgia Class Nine Fire Department Pension Fund. Specifically, this bill would allow members of these Funds to obtain creditable service for a break in service as a result of being called to active military duty on or after September 11, 2001. Creditable service would be granted if the member returns to employment as a firefighter upon his or her release from active duty and if the member pays the board for the cost of the normal monthly dues owed during such break in service. This payment would be due to the Board within one year of the member's release from active duty and return to employment. This bill would also change provisions relating to the calculation of creditable service by authorizing the Board to calculate creditable service on a monthly basis.

This is to certify that this is a fiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,

/s/ Russell W. Hinton
State Auditor



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October 25, 2005

Honorable Ben Bridges, Chairman
House Retirement Committee
State Capitol, Room 402
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Actuarial Investigation
House Bill 660 (LC 21 8468S)
Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund
Georgia Class Nine Fire Department Pension Fund

Dear Chairman Bridges:

This bill would amend provisions relating to creditable service for members of the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund and members of the Georgia Class Nine Fire Department Pension Fund. Specifically, this bill would allow members of these Funds to obtain creditable service for a break in service as a result of being called to active military duty. Creditable service would be granted if the member returns to employment as a firefighter upon his or her release from active duty and if the member pays the Board of Trustees for the cost of the normal monthly dues owed during such break in service. This payment would be due to the Board within one year of the member's release from active duty and return to employment. This bill would also change provisions relating to the calculation of creditable service by authorizing the Board to calculate creditable service on a monthly basis.

The first year cost of this legislation to the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund would be \$752,000 in order to meet the concurrent funding requirements of O.C.G.A. 47-20-50. This cost includes \$690,000 each year for the next 30 years to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability and \$62,000 each year to fund the normal cost. Currently, revenues for the Fund are generated from member contributions, the 1% tax on gross premiums issued by fire insurance companies in Georgia, and interest on the Fund's assets. Based on information obtained from the actuary, revenues generated by the Fund are sufficient to cover the full cost of this bill. The cost estimate is based on current member data, actuarial assumptions, and actuarial methods. It should be noted that changes in any of these variables could affect the cost of this legislation.

The first year cost of this legislation to the Georgia Class Nine Fire Department Pension Fund would be \$3,000 in order to meet the concurrent funding requirements of O.C.G.A. 47-20-50. This is the cost required each year for the next 30 years to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Currently, revenues for the Fund are generated from member contributions, tax revenues from premiums paid on policies that cover property protected by class nine fire departments, and interest on the Fund's assets. Based on

information obtained from the actuary, revenues generated by the Fund are sufficient to cover the full cost of this bill. The cost estimate is based on current member data, actuarial assumptions, and actuarial methods. It should be noted that changes in any of these variables could affect the cost of this legislation.

The following is a summary of the relevant findings of the actuarial investigations for this bill pursuant to a request by the House Retirement Committee. The investigations were to be conducted according to O.C.G.A. 47-20-36, which outlines the factors to be considered in an actuarial investigation. The figures are based on employee data and the most recent actuarial assumptions and methods.

Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund

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| (1) The amount of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill. | <u>\$ 10,061,000</u> |
| (2) The amount of the annual amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill. | <u>\$ 690,000</u> |
| (3) The number of years that the unfunded actuarial accrued liability created by this bill would be amortized. | <u>30</u> |
| (4) The amount of the annual normal cost which will result from the bill. | <u>\$ 62,000</u> |
| (5) The employer contribution rate currently in effect. | 1% tax on
<u>premiums</u> |
| (6) The employer contribution rate recommended (in conformity with minimum funding standards specified in Code Section 47-20-10). | 1% tax on
<u>premiums</u> |
| (7) The dollar amount of the increase in the annual employer contribution which is necessary to maintain the retirement system in an actuarially sound condition. | <u>\$ 0*</u> |

* This bill would increase costs in the first year by \$752,000. However, based on information obtained from the actuary, the amount of revenues currently generated by the Fund is sufficient to cover any additional costs associated with this legislation. Therefore, it would not be necessary to increase the annual employer contribution in order to fund this legislation.

Georgia Class Nine Fire Department Pension Fund

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| (1) The amount of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill. | <u>\$ 38,000</u> |
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| (2) The amount of the annual amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability which will result from the bill. | <u>\$ 3,000</u> |
| (3) The number of years that the unfunded actuarial accrued liability created by this bill would be amortized. | <u>30</u> |
| (4) The amount of the annual normal cost which will result from the bill. | <u>\$ 0</u> |
| (5) The employer contribution rate currently in effect. | <u>Tax on applicable premiums</u> |
| (6) The employer contribution rate recommended (in conformity with minimum funding standards specified in Code Section 47-20-10). | <u>Tax on Applicable premiums</u> |
| (7) The dollar amount of the increase in the annual employer contribution which is necessary to maintain the retirement system in an actuarially sound condition. | <u>\$ 0*</u> |

* This bill would increase costs in the first year by \$3,000. However, based on information obtained from the actuary, the amount of revenues currently generated by the Fund is sufficient to cover any additional costs associated with this legislation. Therefore, it would not be necessary to increase the annual employer contribution in order to fund this legislation.

It should be noted that any subsequent changes in the retirement bill will invalidate the actuarial investigations and the findings included therein.

Respectfully,

/s/ Russell W. Hinton
State Auditor

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Y Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Y Starr
E Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	Y Johnson	E Stoner

Y Cagle	Jones	Y Tarver
Carter	Y Kemp	E Tate
Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thomas,R
E Douglas	Y Moody	Y Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	Y Tolleson
E Golden	Y Powell	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Y Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
E Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	E Seay	E Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 45, nays 0.

HB 660, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Hill of the 32nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 10th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Chance of the 16th asked unanimous consent that Senator Carter of the 13th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Carter was excused.

HB 1020. By Representatives Bridges of the 10th, Meadows of the 5th, Brooks of the 63rd, Cummings of the 16th and Coleman of the 97th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to insert language emphasizing that retirement allowances in several public retirement systems shall not become effective prior to the month following the member's final month of employment; to provide that the trustees of the Georgia Defined Contribution Plan shall establish the amount below which a departing member must withdraw his or her contributions; to provide for gender neutrality; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Heath of the 31st.

The following Fiscal Note, as required by law, was read by the Secretary:



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January 6, 2006

The Honorable Ben Bridges, Chairman
House Retirement Committee
State Capitol, Room 402
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
House Bill 1020(LC 21 8596)

Dear Chairman Bridges:

This bill would amend provisions relating to retirement allowances under the following retirement systems:

- Employees' Retirement System;
- Public School Employees Retirement System;
- Georgia Judicial Retirement System; and
- Georgia Military Pension Fund.

Specifically, this bill would clarify that retirement allowances due to retiring members of these systems will not become effective earlier than the first of the month following the member's final month of employment.

This bill would also amend provisions relating to the withdrawal of contributions and earnings from the Georgia Defined Contribution Plan. Under the current law, the board may require any member who ceases to be an employee to withdraw all amounts credited to them if such amount is less than \$3,500. If this legislation is enacted, the board would set the minimum amount that a terminating employee must have in order to maintain their account in the defined contribution plan.

This is to certify that this is a nonfiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,

/s/ Russell W. Hinton
State Auditor

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Y Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Y Starr
E Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	Y Johnson	E Stoner
Y Cagle	E Jones	Y Tarver
E Carter	Y Kemp	E Tate
Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thomas,R
Y Douglas	Y Moody	Y Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	Y Tolleson
E Golden	Y Powell	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Y Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	E Seay	E Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 0.

HB 1020, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Williams of the 19th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2006.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:29 a.m.